



CENTENNIAL

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WHAT IS A PARTNER?

Sarasota County Centennial 2021 Steering Committee came up with the idea of offering the following groups an opportunity to join us in spreading the word about the 100th Anniversary of Sarasota as a COUNTY. We call each a “PARTNER.”

- . Neighborhood Associations
- . Historical & Preservation Groups
- . Businesses
- . Chambers of Commerce
- . Arts & Culture Organizations
- . Professional Organizations
- . Non-political Civic & Social Organizations

Each of the above can spread the word in their own way: (newsletters, plays, exhibits, etc.) Our aim is to obtain 100 PARTNERS for the 100th Anniversary! To see a list of our current Partners or if you wish to have your group sign up as a “Partner” please go to our website: www.sarasotacountycentennial.com. Hit on “Partners.” You will see the names of each Partner & their logo. There is also a typed list of each Partner. There is a spot for your group to sign up as a Centennial 2021 PARTNER. It costs you “zero” to become a PARTNER yet you get a lot of free exposure.

What do we ask of a “Partner?” We ask that your organization or business, etc. complete our simple form online and include your logo, if you have one. We ask of each PARTNER that you be located in Sarasota County and that you designate ONE event or program in 2021 as a Centennial Event and use our logo on any publicity for that ONE event. Our logo is nicely done and is not large. (It is on our website.) Also, you do NOT have to create a brand new event or activity. JUST DESIGNATE ONE EVENT or PROGRAM AS A CENTENNIAL 2021 EVENT. If you already have a program planned make that ONE program your Centennial event as well.

We are currently at 56 PARTNERS. Help us meet our goal of 100 by signing up today. Join now and you will be able to showcase your group at our JAN. 9, 2021 Kick-off Community-wide Celebration at Phillippi Estate Park, Sarasota. (11am-4 pm)

If you have questions, please contact Betty Intagliata, Secretary for the Centennial 2021 Steering Committee at (941) 484-0769.



A Note From Our Chair

Sarasota County Centennial 2021 Steering Committee

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Ellen India, Thomas
Jones, Kim Manning,
Cathy McGuire, Betty
Nugent, Clifford Smith,
Chris Sterner

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter.

The Sarasota County Centennial 2021 Steering Committee has been in existence about three years thinking about and planning a celebration of our county's founding on July 1, 1921. We are a community group closely associated with the Friends of the Sarasota County History Center and also with the History and Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County. Our 20 committee members come from many parts of Sarasota County.

Our philosophy is that our hundredth birthday is worth a celebration that acknowledges the achievements of those who successfully freed us from being an unhappy part of Manatee County. It is also a time to reflect on the remarkable growth of this community we call home.

Of course, our history is hardly without dark chapters, and there are problems we have not adequately addressed. In 1921 women had just claimed the right to vote, but African-Americans had few rights of any sort. Although living under Jim Crow laws and terrorized by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, Sarasota African-Americans still provided much of the manual labor essential to the county's economy. And despite the circumstances they still managed to establish vibrant communities. We need to think about that legacy as well as successes in tourism, agriculture, education, literature, architecture, and the performing arts. Our group will have done its job if our citizens come through this celebration with a deeper understanding of how things today came to be the way they are—both good and bad.

As other parts of this newsletter demonstrate, our goal is to make this a county-wide and community based celebration. There will be some big events—such as our January 9, 2021 kickoff of the Centennial year to be held at Phillippi Estate Park. But we are looking for communities and organizations through our Centennial Partners Program to plan events and activities for their local communities. Please join us and make this Centennial year a memorable and meaningful exploration of our fascinating past.

Dr. Frank A. Cassell, Chair
Sarasota County Centennial 2021
Steering Committee

The Sarasota County Commission has approved creation of the Centennial Committee to encourage units of county government to plan centennial activities. Led by Miranda Lansdale, Coordinator of Neighborhood Services.

In each of our Centennial 2021 Newsletters, we will focus on some of our "Partners." Currently we have 56 ..but we eventually hope to have 100 marking the 100th Anniversary of Sarasota County! We can only focus on two this issue but we promise many more in future issues.

In this July/August 2020 issue...we focus on FOSCHC. This is the organization that has made our Centennial 2021 Steering Committee one of its "Special Committees." Here is its background.

WHAT IS FOSCHC?



Formed in 2005 in order to develop and promote historical exhibits and educational programs, the Friends of the Sarasota County History Center is a 501c3 non-profit organization aligned with Sarasota County Historical Resources, located at 6062 Porter Way in Sarasota, and supports their efforts to obtain, assemble, and preserve Sarasota County historical artifacts.

In addition to supporting the History Center, FOSCHC is involved in the following:

- Promoting countywide historical markers which increase public awareness of local history
- Developing and obtaining rotating exhibits such as Theodore Morris's "Florida's Lost Tribes" art exhibit, Crate Expectations: An Exhibit of Florida Citrus Labels, Paul Rudolph & His Florida Houses, and John Nolen: City Planner
- Supporting and promoting local authors including Jeff LaHurd, Frank Cassell, Vickie Oldham, and Liz Coursen, and local photographers such as J.B. McCourtney and Virginia Hoffman
- Sponsorship of the Florida Humanities Council Speaker Series bringing renowned Florida speakers to our community including Dr. Roger Smith, Eliot Kleinberg, Dr. J. Michael Francis, Gary Monroe, and Dr. Gary Mormino
- Hosting individual historical presenters such as Dr. Mike Denham and Dr. Leslee Keyes.

The latest exhibit supported by FOSCHC is "Coming Out of History's Dark Corners." This celebrates the strength and courage of Sarasota County's citizens with disabilities as well as their role in our community's growth and change. It explores their marginalization in society while calling attention to the similarities amongst all of our lives and experiences, contributing to a greater sense of empathy and understanding. Whereas these members of our community might have once been shut away from the public eye, today they are pulled from history's dark corners into the light and recognized amongst our community's long and fascinating heritage.

This exhibit is presented by Sarasota County Historical Resources in collaboration with Easterseals of Southwest Florida, the Out-of-Door Academy, and the Sarasota County ADA Coordinator. It is housed at the Chidsey building, 701 N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota but is currently closed due to COVID-19 measures.



Author and historian Jeff LaHurd with a slide presentation at the Chidsey building, sponsored by FOSCHC

To learn more about FOSCHC, this exhibit and when it will be open to the public, visit the FOSCHC website foschc.org or their Facebook page. There is also information on the website if you would like to become a member.

FOSCHC is a non-profit organization and solely dependent upon donations and grants. They do not receive funding from the County, the City or the State.

2020 FOSCHC OFFICERS:

President: *Don Bayley*

Vice President: *Betty Intagliata*

Secretary: *Betty Nugent*

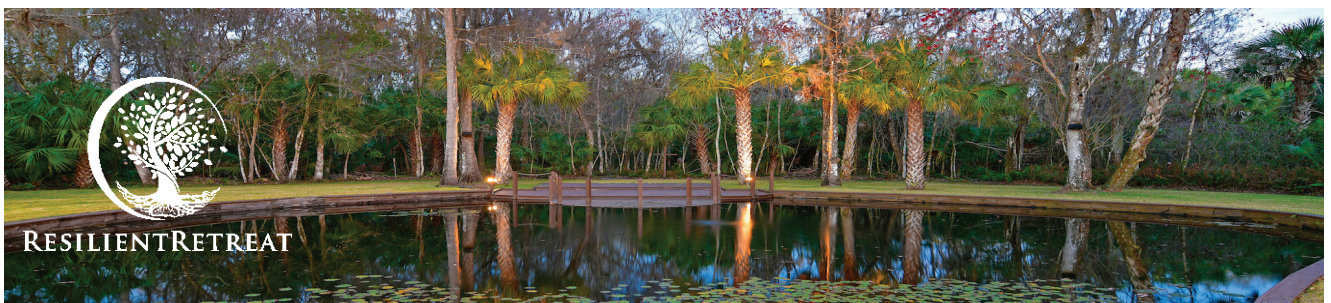
Treasurer: *Dorothy Korwek*

Directors: *Tom Jones and Cathy McGuire*

WHAT IS RESILIENT RETREAT?

Resilient Retreat is honored to be a Partner to help celebrate Sarasota County's Centennial in 2021. Resilient Retreat is a Florida non-profit dedicated to empowering those who have experienced abuse and professionals who have witnessed trauma in the workplace.

We are excited to collaborate with the Sarasota County Centennial Committee to organize an event to tie the mission of our young organization in with the centennial celebration as we are building a retreat center on our 84-acre property east of I-75 on Fruitville Road in Sarasota. Our property is also conservation land and has some history to it as well that we look forward to incorporating into our celebration honoring 100 years of Sarasota County. Stay tuned for more information! www.resilientretreat.org



THE LILLIAN BURNS AWARD

Betty Dailey Nugent, a member of the Centennial Steering Committee is this year's recipient of the Lillian Burns Individual Achievement Award. Lillian Burns was the daughter of Owen Burns, one of Sarasota's most important early businessmen and leaders. She became one of Sarasota's most important local historians and preservationists. The award is given for "profound contributions to the history and preservation movement in Sarasota County." Past winners have been Betty Intagliata and Julia Cousins Laning, both of Venice.

Like her predecessors, Betty Nugent has lived and breathed history over many years. Indeed, she lives in a historical museum that at her invitation has now become the Englewood Historical Museum on Perry Street. She is president of the museum's board and one of its principal volunteers. For many years she lived in an historic district on the East Side of Milwaukee and worked as a nurse at Columbia Hospital. In her 40s Betty broadened her interests by going into real estate and becoming the first woman president of the Salesman Club of Wisconsin. In 1990 she moved to Florida and soon plunged into various historical organizations. In 1995 she purchased the 1928 historic Lampp House, home of one of early Englewood's prominent families, where she began a collection of vintage dresses that she featured at fashion shows.

By 2010 Betty had served as a board member or officer of so many historical organizations that they all cannot be mentioned here. These include the Sarasota County Historical Commission's Historical Marker Committee, Sarasota County History & Preservation Coalition where she was vice chair, the Friends of the Sarasota County History Center, the Sarasota County Centennial 2021 Steering Committee, the Englewood Museum, Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring Archeological Society, and the Venice Area Historical Society.



Betty Dailey Nugent

Betty has always had an interest in organization and made each of these groups stronger and more efficient thanks to her organizational sense and leadership skills. She is particularly good at recruiting members and finding competent leaders as well as organizing and publicizing historical association events.

For her years' long dedication to the cause of history and preservation in Sarasota County, for her leadership of numerous historical groups, for her unique contributions to saving and displaying the material past of Englewood, and for her countless hours of volunteer work at historical sites throughout the county, the Heritage Awards Committee confers the 2020 Lillian Burns Individual Achievement award on Betty Jean Dailey Nugent.



Join Us
for a
FREE
event

January
9th
2021
Saturday
11AM ~ 4PM

The Kick-Off celebration for the Sarasota County Centennial will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Phillippi Estate Park.

This will be a **FREE** family-friendly, community event, with musical entertainment changing hourly, 1920s re-enactors, food trunks, children's activities, 1920s Model A Fords, circus activities and many of our Partners participating.

The Edson Keith Mansion, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, will be open for tours and circus photo exhibits.

Phillippi Estate Park, located on the shores of Phillippi Creek, is a scenic, 60-acre natural areas park south of downtown Sarasota and east of Siesta Key. The park features archaeological, historical, environmental and recreational amenities. *Rain Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021*

Join in the celebration of an exciting and historical day.

